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REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

1960

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Mr. Hine is also Surveyor to the Council.

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Certificate R.S.I., M.Inst.Housing.
Appointed 17th July, 1947.

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SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

1. GENERAL STATISTICS Area ... ... 48,530 acres.

	1960	(1959)	(1958)
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population	9,360	(9,410)	(9,420)
Number of inhabitated houses at end of year according to Rate Book	3,300	(3,355)	(3,406)
Rateable Value	£73,361	(£72,851)	(£67,396)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£280.17.5.	(£280)	(£278.3.10.)

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	60	59	119
Illegitimate	3	4	7
Totals:	63	63	126

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 13.5
Corrected Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 1.14) 15.3
Birth Rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales) 17.1

STILLBIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals:	3	1	4

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births 33.3
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births (England & Wales) 19.7

TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	63	63	126
Illegitimate	3	4	7
Totals:	66	67	133

INFANT MORTALITY. Deaths of Infants under One Year of age			
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals:	1	1	2

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births (Total) 15.0
" " " " " " " (Legitimate) ... 15.8
" " " " " " " (Illegitimate) .. 6.5
Neo-Natal
(Deaths of Infants during the first four weeks of life) ... 15.0 per 1,000
Illegitimate Birth Rate ... 5.5%
Maternal Deaths (including abortion) ... ... Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths ... Nil

Deaths	Male	Female	Total
	53	56	109

Death Rate per 1,000 population ... 11.7
Corrected Death Rate (Comparability Factor .81) 9.4
Death Rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) 11.5

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.
Birth Rate (Corrected)	20.3	16.3	15.9	14.7	15.7	12.8	16.5	15.3
Death Rate (Corrected)	10.8	9.6	11.4	12.7	9.72	10.5	9.8	9.4
Infant Mortality Rate	12.4	59.7	61.1	25.0	30.8	9.4	7.3	15.0
Number of Infant Deaths	2	8	8	3	4	1	1	2

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THIS AREA

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area			46,530 acres.
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population	1,500 (4,320)		(4,958)
	3,380 (9,440)		(9,120)
Number of inhabitated houses at end of year according to Rate Book	3,300 (3,325)		(3,106)
Rateable Value	£73,324 (£72,891)		(£67,296)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£280.17.5. (£290)		(£270.3.10.)

2. RETURNS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	60	59	119
Illegitimate	3	4	7
Totals:	63	63	126

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	13.5
Corrected Birth Rate (Comparability factor 1.14)	15.3
Birth Rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	17.1

STILLBIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	31.3
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births (England & Wales)	19.7

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Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals:	1	1	2

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births (Total)	15.0
" " " " " " (Legitimate) ...	15.8
" " " " " " (Illegitimate) ...	6.5

Maternal Mortality

(Deaths of Infants during the first four weeks of life) ...	15.0 per 1,000
Illegitimate Birth Rate ...	5.55
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths ...	Nil

Deaths	Male	Female	Total
	53	56	109

Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	11.7
Corrected Death Rate (Comparability factor .84)	9.4
Death Rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	11.5

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
Birth Rate (Corrected)	12.1	12.3	12.3	14.7	15.7	12.8	14.5	15.3
Death Rate (Corrected)	10.8	9.6	14.4	12.7	9.75	10.5	9.8	9.4
Infant Mortality Rate	42.4	59.7	64.4	25.4	34.8	39.4	47.5	15.0
Number of Infant Deaths	4	5	6	2	4	1	1	2

The table following gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring during 1960. The grand totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

	Males		Females	
	(1959)	1960	(1959)	1960
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	(-)	-	(1)	-
2. Tuberculosis, Other	(-)	-	(-)	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	(-)	-	(-)	-
4. Diphtheria	(-)	-	(-)	-
5. Whooping Cough	(-)	-	(-)	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	(-)	-	(-)	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	(-)	-	(-)	-
8. Measles	(-)	-	(-)	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	(1)	-	(-)	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	(1)	2	(3)	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	(6)	5	(-)	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, Breast	(-)	-	(2)	4
13. Malignant neoplasm, Uterus	(-)	-	(-)	-
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	(6)	5	(9)	5
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	(-)	-	(-)	1
16. Diabetes	(-)	1	(1)	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	(7)	7	(3)	8
18. Coronary disease, angina	(11)	14	(9)	11
19. Hypertension with heart disease	(-)	1	(2)	3
20. Other Heart Disease	(8)	2	(6)	12
21. Other Circulatory disease	(1)	2	(7)	-
22. Influenza	(-)	-	(1)	-
23. Pneumonia	(1)	2	(1)	3
24. Bronchitis	(4)	5	(10)	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	(-)	-	(-)	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	(-)	1	(-)	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	(-)	-	(1)	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	(-)	-	(-)	-
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	(-)	1	(-)	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	(-)	-	(-)	-
31. Congenital malformations	(-)	-	(-)	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	(4)	3	(4)	3
33. Motor vehicle accidents	(-)	1	(-)	-
34. All other accidents	(2)	-	(2)	-
35. Suicide	(-)	1	(-)	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	(-)	-	(-)	-
	(52)	53	(62)	56

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(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

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Bildeston - Chapel School Room	...	1st Wednesday in each month.
~~Boxford - Village Hall ... ...~~		~~2nd " " " "~~
Lavenham - Guildhall	...	2nd Tuesday " " "

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (i) WATER. The Council's comprehensive scheme is fully in operation and almost the whole of the district is now supplied from the main headworks at Semer. A very small part of the district adjoining the Thingoe Rural District is supplied with water from that Authority.

The Council's mains are linked with those of the Thingoe and Gipping Rural District Councils and in times of emergency a supply can be afforded to the whole of this district from the Thingoe Rural District Council.

40 new connections to the mains have been made during the year, and the following table shows the position as at 31st December, 1960:-

Total	Total Houses	Houses connected	Standpipe	On Route but Not Connected	Not on Route of Mains
Aldham	46	42	-	-	4
Bildeston	278	267	5	5	1
Boxford	271	254	7	4	6
Brent Eleigh	55	39	-	4	12
Brettenham	98	97	-	-	1
Chelsworth	54	39	-	12	3
Cockfield	238	206	-	16	16
Edwardstone	120	107	2	-	11
Elmsett	124	89	5	18	12
Groton	76	64	-	3	9
Hitcham	214	157	32	3	22
Kersey	148	130	4	7	7
Kettlebaston	25	20	-	-	5
Lavenham	556	495	49	1	11
Layham	133	94	-	15	24
Lindsey	61	48	7	2	4
Milden	48	47	-	-	1
Monks Eleigh	162	129	8	8	17
Nedging-with-Naughton	96	74	19	-	3
Carried Forward	2,803	2,398	138	98	169

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Polstead	207	175	-	12	20
Preston St. Mary	69	56	-	-	13
Semer	59	37	-	12	10
Thorpe Morieux	91	90	-	1	-
Wattisham	42	42	-	-	-
Whatfield	84	66	10	-	8
Total:	3,355	2,864 85%	148 4½%	123 3½%	220 7%

There were also 352 metered supplies at 31st December, 1960.

The following table shows the water produced at the Semer works and supplied to the Gipping Rural District Council and the Air Ministry each month:-

Month	Water Pumped from Semer Bore in 000 gals.	Water Supplied to Gipping R.D.C. in 000 gals.	Water Supplied to Air Ministry in 000 gals.
January	13,298	4,389	2,339
February	12,912	4,100	2,084
March	14,815	4,021	2,004
April	14,485	4,617	2,665
May	14,367	1,484	2,277
June	14,348	2,895	2,319
July	11,490	898	2,063
August	10,990	1,165	1,877
September	10,446	1,191	2,025
October	10,307	1,247	2,226
November	10,434	1,267	2,253
December	10,559	1,123	2,102
Total:	148,451	28,397	26,234

It will be seen that the demand from the Gipping Rural District Council decreased during the latter part of the year following the establishment of their own headworks. Only the fringe of the Gipping area is now supplied from the Semer works.

The average daily pumping figures at Semer are 407,000 gallons. The amount of water taken from the Thingoe Rural District Council averages approximately 10,000 gallons per day.

60 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological analysis during the year; 54 of these were from the mains and 6 from private sources. Those from the mains were all reported to be satisfactory; of the 6 from private sources, 3 were satisfactory and 3 were unsatisfactory.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. The three largest parishes in the district, i.e. Lavenham, Bildeston and Boxford (including Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone) have sewerage facilities serving all but the most outlying parts of the parishes.

Approximately 95% of the houses on the route of the sewers are connected; the few houses not connected are entirely properties which have been included in the Council's slum clearance scheme.

Schemes for the villages of Kersey and Monks Eleigh have been prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers and it is to be hoped that an early start will be possible.

In addition, there are 15 small sewage disposal works throughout the district serving Council house estates. In some cases a few neighbouring privately owned houses have also been connected. One of these has been completed during 1960 and plans are in hand for several other works to be constructed during 1961.

The following table shows the position in the various parishes where sewers, either public or for Council houses only, exist:-

Parish	Total Houses in Parish	Houses served by sewers at 31.12.60.		Connected During						
		No.	%	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954
Brent Eleigh	55	8	14	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bildeston	278	249	89½	-	-	12	1	13	41	50
Boxford	271	194	71	3	1	10	14	4	14	16
Brettenham	98	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cockfield	238	48	20	-	4	12	-	-	-	6
Edwardstone	120	37	31	-	3	-	4	3	-	[illegible]
Elmsett	124	24	19	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Hitcham	214	18	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kersey	148	14	9	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Lavenham	556	483	87	16	-	17	17	17	23	52
Layham	133	19	14	-	2	-	1	-	4	4
Milden	48	6	12½	-	2	-	-	-	3	1
Monks Eleigh	162	16	10	-		8	-	-	-	-
Polstead	207	34	17	-	-	4	4	-		6
Thorpe Morieux	91	8	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whatfield	84	42	50	-	4	-	-	4	-	13
	2,827	1,208	43%	27	16	63	41	45	89	147

The various sewage works are maintained by a staff of three. Samples of effluent are taken regularly by the Essex River Board and every effort is made to keep the works in a satisfactory condition.

2. PUBLIC CLEANSING:

(i) Refuse Collection. The "kerbside" system of house refuse collection is in force throughout the district. Weekly collections take place in Lavenham, Boxford and Bildeston, with fortnightly collections in the remaining 22 parishes. The amount of refuse put out for collection continues to increase steadily and the schedule can only be maintained by the working of regular overtime.

Only one vehicle is in use although this is of the large fore and aft tipping variety. Considerable difficulties do, however, occur at times of public holidays or if the vehicle has to be withdrawn from service for repair.

Since February of this year, tipping has taken place in a disposal site within the Hadleigh Urban District and which has been shared with the Urban District Council. Comparatively few difficulties arise at this disposal point, but it is relatively remote from a considerable part of the area and mileage has therefore increased.

Regular treatment for the control of flies and rats was carried out.

(ii) Nightsoil Collection and Cesspool Emptying Service. Nightsoil is collected in five parishes and in the more built up part of three other parishes; the average number of pails dealt with each week is 426.

The same vehicle is also utilizedfor the emptying of private cesspools throughout the area. The Council's policy is to give one free emptying of his cesspool to each householder every year.

An average of fifty cesspools are emptied every month; the demands on this service, however, are steadily increasing owing to the raising of standards throughout the district. The number of cesspools or septic tanks is rising every month due to improvements which are being carried out, often with the help of improvement grants.

One vehicle only is used for this service; when, however, this vehicle was purchased, the old one was retained for use in emptying septic tanks on the smaller housing site sewage installations.

(iii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area. The following table records the number of inspections carried out:-

Number of visits - Public Health & Housing Acts	326
Housing Act, 1949 - Grant-aided Improvements	516
Tents, Vans and Sheds	63

Factories	44
Shops and Food Premises	82
Dairies	2
Water Samples - bacteriological	60
- chemical	1
Re Water Schemes	54
Private water supplies	12
Refuse Collection	80
Nightsoil Collection	62
Bakehouses	5
Slaughterhouses and meat inspections - butchers shops	161
Schools	11
Public Houses	12
Building Inspections - Byelaw and Planning etc.	423
New drainage and closet conversions	240
Sewers	6
Sewage disposal works	288
Petroleum	36
Explosives	3
Housing Management	363

Notices served under the Public Health Act, 1936

Informal Notices outstanding 1st January, 1960	15
" " served during 1960	44
" " complied with during 1960	50
" " outstanding 31st December, 1960	9
Statutory Notices outstanding 1st January, 1960	9
" " served during 1960	-
" " complied with during 1960	3
" " outstanding 31st December, 1960	6

Factory Act, 1947 - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	4	4	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	31	35	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority * (excluding outworkers).	25	79	Nil	Nil
	60	118	Nil	Nil

*i.e. Electrical Stations (Sections 103 (1)), Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

(iv) SHOPS AND OFFICES. Normal inspection of premises has been carried out under the Shops Act and it was not found necessary to take action against the occupiers of any of these premises.

(v) CAMPING SITES. At the 31st December, 1960, 24 licenses under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 were in force for the use of moveable dwellings. Of these, 23 were for single caravans and one was for 2 caravans.

No cause for complaint was found at any of the sites during the year.

In all cases, the following conditions are attached to licenses:-

(a) that a supply of wholesome water sufficient for the occupiers of the caravan be provided within a reasonable distance thereof.

(b) that adequate sanitary and drainage arrangements be provided to the satisfaction of the Council's Surveyor.

(c) that a suitable receptacle for house refuse be provided.

(d) that the site be kept in a clean and tidy condition and no other unauthorised buildings be erected thereon.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT. There are no heavy industries within the Rural District, which is therefore free from industrial atmospheric pollution.

There were no cases of smoke nuisance during the year.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS. There are no public swimming baths within the Rural District.

(viii) RODENT CONTROL. The Council employ a full-time Rodent Operative, working under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector & Surveyor.

In addition to survey of the area, the Operator carries out treatment works to private dwellings, business and agricultural premises, local authority tips, sewers and other Council owned properties.

The treatment service to private dwellings is carried out free of charge, whilst for business premises and agricultural properties, the charge is based on an hourly rate.

In addition to his work in the Cosford District, the Rodent Operative also gives treatment within the Hadleigh Urban District on receipt of instruction from that Council who are recharged with the cost of the work.

The work of the Rodent Operative is indicated in the following table:-

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949
Report for Year ended 31st December, 1960

	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling houses (inc. Council houses)	(3) All Other Premises	(4) Total of Cols. 1, 2 & 3	(5) Agricultural
1. No. of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 & 2)	25	3,604	279	3,908	297
2. No. of properties inspected as a result of (a) notification	3	155	11	169	18
(b) survey Under Act	2	2,648	70	2,720	217
(c) otherwise	20	516	12	548	37
3. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	55	3,319	93	3,467	372
4. No. of properties inspected in Section 2 which were found to be infested:-					
(a) Rats Major	4	8	-	12	2
Minor	2	405	7	414	6
(b) Mice Major	-	-	-	-	3
Minor	-	40	13	53	-
5. No. of infested properties (Sec. 4) treated by L.A.	6	483	6	495	11

6. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	10	526	8	544	21
7. No. of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act:-					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work	-	-	-	-	-
8. No. of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of notice	-	-	-	-	-
9. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
10. No. of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	11	-	-	-

Note 1: With the exception of agricultural properties, a property means one which is entered separately in the Valuation Roll for the area.

Note 2(1): Premises used by the L.A. for the purposes of trade should be entered in Col. (3).

(2): Sewers should not be included.

(3): Combined dwelling and business premises, where occupied by the same person should be regarded as business premises and should be entered in Col. (3). Where the dwelling and business parts of the premises are in separate occupation, separate entries should be made in Cols. (2) and (3).

Note 3: For the purpose of completing Sections 2, 4 and 5, each property should be entered once only in respect of inspections, infestations or treatments.

No. of rats picked up - 2,015. No. of mice picked up - 353.

(ix) SCHOOLS. There are twelve village schools in the district and all are supplied with water from the Council's mains.

During the year a new school was constructed in Monks Eleigh and the old one closed.

The schools at Bildeston, Boxford and Laveham have W.Cs. connected to the public sewers; the school at Monks Eleigh is drained to the sewage works serving the housing site; other schools have W.Cs. with cesspools.

(x) PUBLIC HOUSES. All public houses in the district have a water supply from the Council's mains and all are maintained in a good state of cleanliness; only a small proportion of the houses cater for meals.

SECTION D

HOUSING

1. (i) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 195

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 231

(ii) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 22

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 31

(iii) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 22

(iv) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 105

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 103

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12 and 39 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Nil

(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

(a) By Owners Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 2

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) By Owners 2
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16,17,19,21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 2

(2) No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil

(3) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or Undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation 19

(4) No. of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or Undertakings 19

(d) Proceedings under Sections 18, 19 and 27 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(1) No. of parts of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 1

(2) Number of parts of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders 1

(e) Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(1) No. of houses demolished in Clearance Areas Nil

(f) Houses subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders and Undertakings Not to Relet subsequently made fit to the satisfaction of the Council:

(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were revoked 5

(2) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were suspended to allow work of improvement to proceed 6

(3) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Undertakings were cancelled after being made fit for habitation 5

4. Housing.

The Council's 1960 contribution to the housing needs of the district, in addition to the general repair and maintenance of existing houses is indicated by the following summary (a) to (d):-

(a) During 1960 there were 16 Council houses built in the district and 15 private dwellinghouses. This is indicated in the following table which shows the post-war building:-

	Total Houses in the Parish	Total Council owned dwellings at 31.12.60.	Post-war Council Houses			Houses Acquired by Council and Improved	Total Pre-war & Emergency War houses	% of houses in Parish which are Council houses
			Total	Built in 1960	Built in 1946-1959			
Aldham	46	6	-	-	-	-	6	13%
Bildeston	278	107	84	-	84	-	23	38%
Boxford	271	63	44	-	44	-	19	23%
Brent Eleigh	55	12	2	-	2	-	10	22%
Brettenham	98	8	6	-	6	-	2	8%
Chelsworth	54	2	-	-	-	-	2	4%
Cockfield	238	54	34	-	34	-	20	23%
Edwardstone	120	24	12	-	12	-	12	20%
Elmsett	124	28	18	-	18	-	10	23%
Groton	76	12	-	-	-	-	12	16%
Hitcham	214	29	18	-	18	-	11	14%
Kersey	148	17	14	-	14	-	3	11%
Kettlebaston	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lavenham	556	124	90	16	74	4	30	22%
Layham	133	18	16	-	16	-	2	14%
Lindsey	61	6	2	-	2	-	4	10%
Milden	48	6	4	-	4	-	2	12%
Monks Eleigh	162	22	16	-	16	-	6	14%
Nedging-with-Naughton	96	14	-	-	-	-	14	14%
Polstead	207	38	28	-	28	-	10	19%
Preston St. Mary	69	6	4	-	4	-	2	9%
Semer	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thorpe Morieux	91	14	8	-	8	-	6	15%
Wattisham	42	2	-	-	-	-	2	5%
Whatfield	84	39	20	-	20	-	19	46%
	3,355	651	420	16	404	4	227	19%

Private Houses built post-war Total 170 — 1960 15 — 1946 - 1959 155

Private Houses in course of construction at 31.12.60. - 8
Council Houses in course of erection at 31.12.60. - 29

Modernisation of the following Council houses was carried out during the year:-

8 houses - 1 - 8, Hall Road, Brent Eleigh.
2 " -12 &14, White Street Green, Boxford.
4 " - 1 - 4, Hadleigh Road, Nedging-with-Naughton.

(b) Discretionary Improvement Grants. The Council encouraged the submission of applications for improvement grants as in past years. Grants amounting to £8,154 were approved in respect of 23 dwellings. Since the inception of improvement grants in 1949 the Council have authorised grants amounting to £54,393 in respect of 214 dwellings.

(c) Standard Improvement Grants. These grants were introduced in June 1959 and already by the end of the year the Council had authorised the making of standard improvement grants in respect of 34 dwellings, amounting to £4,665.

During 1960 a further 50 grants were approved bringing the total standard grants approved to 84.

Assistance to bring dwellings up to modern standards has therefore been authorised in a total of 298 cases which represents 11% of the total private houses in the Rural District.

(d) Loans. The Council approved loans under the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act and the Housing Act to enable persons to purchase houses for their own occupation. Loans were also advanced to enable dwellings to be improved and repaired. Loans were authorised in a total of 9 cases (Aldham 1: Brettenham 1: Kersey 1: Lavenham 3: Milden 1: Polstead 1: Whatfield 1).

(e) Subsidies. No applications were received for subsidy under the Housing Subsidies Act, 1956 to assist in the building of dwellings for agricultural workers by private enterprise.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 - 54:

No. of milk dealers on register	3

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1949:
Licences were in force as follows:-

No. of Principal Licences to sell milk as Tuberculin Tested	1
No. of Principal Licences to sell milk as Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	2
No. of Principal Licences to sell milk as Pasteurised	-
No. of Supplementary Licences to sell milk as Tuberculin Tested	3
No. of Supplementary Licences to sell milk as Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	1
No. of Supplementary Licences to sell milk as Pasteurised	4
No. of Supplementary Licences to sell milk as Sterilised	2

All milk sold in the district is either Sterilised, Pasteurised or Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised). Eight firms are concerned in the sale of milk and the supplies have been handled in a satisfactory manner throughout the year.

(b) Ice-Cream.

There are no premises licensed for the manufacture of ice-cream in the Rural District. During the year 1 shop was registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice-cream. There are now 28 registered retailers. No ice-cream is sold other than that which is pre-packed except the ice-cream sold from mobile vans.

Mobile vans were inspected during the year and were generally satisfactory.

(c) Meat and Other Foods.

Only two butchers slaughter their own meat the remainder obtaining their supplies from meat wholesalers. The two butchers with licensed slaughterhouses carefully select animals from local farms and the meat is of a very good quality. The butchers' shops throughout the district are well run with a good standard of hygiene being observed.

During the year inspections of premises to which the Food Hygiene Regulations applied (including licensed premises) were carried out. The standard of fixtures and fittings in food shops continues to improve.

Every food shop has mains water connected and nearly all have satisfactory sanitary accommodation and drainage systems. Almost all the owners willingly co-operate in observing clean practice in the handling of food supplies.

Food Premises in the District	1957	1958	1959	1960
Hotels and licensed premises	39	39	39	39
Restaurants and cafes	2	2	2	2
Grocers and general stores	30	30	30	30
Ice-cream premises	22	26	27	28
Confectioners	9	9	9	9
Butchers	10	10	8	8
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2
Dairies	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers	4	5	5	5
Bakers	4	4	4	4
Fried fishshops	1	1	1	1

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958

The report on slaughterhouse facilities in the district required by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food was prepared and submitted on the 28th October, 1960

Briefly, the report stated that the two existing private slaughterhouses failed to comply with the regulations in certain respects and that the date by which the construction regulations should apply should be 1st April, 1962. This date was confirmed by the Minister.

It is expected that proposals for the alteration and extension of both premises will be submitted.

Premises registered under the Food & Drugs Act, 1938 - Section 14

	1957	1958	1959	1960
Sausage manufacturers	10	10	10	8
Ice-cream premises	22	26	27	28

The registered sausage manufacturers are all butchers who make sausages as part of their general business. The inspections of these premises are included in the inspection of butchers shops.

Food Stalls
There are no stalls from which food is sold in the Rural District.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960
Regular routine visits to food premises have been carried out during the year and various minor contraventions of the Regulations have been discussed and explained to the proprietors. These contraventions have been rectified without recourse to statutory action.

Educational Activity Regarding Food Hygiene
No clean food guilds have been inaugurated in the district. Copies of posters issued by the Ministry of Health drawing attention to the prevention of food poisoning by means of good hygiene practices, were issued to hotels and shops.

(d) Adulteration, etc. (e) Chemical, Bacteriological examination (f) Nutrition (g) Shell-fish (Mulluscan) (h) Water-cress	no change

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The table following shows the number of Infectious Diseases among the civilian population during the year. These are the final numbers after corrections subsequently made either by the Notifying Medical Practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Disease Hospital.

	Males	Females	Total
Scarlet Fever	8	20	28
Whooping Cough	1	1	2
Measles	49	37	86
Pneumonia	4	2	6
Erysipelas	-	4	4
Dysentery	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2	3	5
Infective Hepatitis	-	1	1
	64	68	132

1960 was a year in which no exceptional incidence of infectious disease occurred in Cosford Rural District.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality

NEW CASES

	1960.	1959.	1958.	1957.	1956.	1955.	1954.	1953.	1952.
Pulmonary	1	3	2	1	4	4	5	5	6
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	2	2	1	Nil	3	4	3

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T U B E R C U L O S I S

New Cases and Mortality

NEW CASES

	1960.	1959.	1958.	1957.	1956.	1955.	1954.	1953.	1952.
Pulmonary	1	5	8	1	4	4	5	5	6
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	2	2	1	nil	3	4	3

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BRITISH MUSEUM